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To whom it may concern,

In response to the Federal Communication Commission's (FCC) notice of proposed rulemaking – "Promoting Technological Solutions to Combat Contraband Wireless Device Use in Correctional Facilities", we offer the following;

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Department of Corrections has made every effort to eliminate this, and other types of unauthorized devices from our facilities. We have availed ourselves of the latest technology to detect and locate unauthorized cellular phones and other devices. Cellular and wireless technology continues to expand. With that, comes the expansion of the illicit and illegal use of these devices.

As we all are aware, the mere possession of these devices, since they are considered contraband in the correctional environment, is a crime. Beyond possession however, comes undetected criminal activity, corruption, smuggling, and the list goes on. It has been shown time and time again that there is an increased threat to the correctional environment, as well as the community when these devices go undetected in our jails and prisons. Criminal enterprises are run, and can thrive from within our institutions when this technology is available and goes undetected.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office is in support of any initiative, process, or product that would assist us in the detection, blocking, or otherwise rendering useless, unauthorized cellular devices.

Sincerely,


Ric L. Bradshaw

Sheriff